

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-36 as presented in the underlying International Application No. PCT/DE03/01214.

Please add new claims 37-72 as indicated in the listing of claims below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (new): A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle, comprising:

a first roof part resting upon an openable rear element of the vehicle in a closed state of the folding top and capable of being raised up from the rear element;

a second roof part mounted pivotably on the vehicle and disposed in front of the first roof part relative to a direction of travel in the closed state of the folding top; and

a third roof part including a hard shell part extending transversely to the direction of travel over an entire width of the vehicle, the third roof top being disposed in front of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is disposed above the second roof part in an open state of the folding top and wherein the third roof part is displaceable to a position over the second roof part.

Claim 38 (new): The folding top as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a positive control means connecting the third roof part and the first roof part.

Claim 39 (new): The folding top as claimed in claim 37, wherein the first roof part is mounted in a movable manner on the second roof part.

Claim 40 (new): A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle, comprising:

a first roof part resting upon an openable rear element of the vehicle in a closed state of the folding top and capable of being raised up from the rear element;

a second roof part mounted pivotably on the vehicle and disposed in front of the first roof part relative to a direction of travel in the closed state of the folding top;

a third roof part disposed in front of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is disposed above the second roof part in an open state of the folding top; and

a positive control means connecting the third roof part and the first roof part.

Claim 41 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 40, wherein the first roof part is mounted in a movable manner on the second roof part.

Claim 42 (new): A folding top for a cabriolet vehicle, comprising:

a first roof part resting upon an openable rear element of the vehicle in a closed state of the folding top and capable of being raised up from the rear element;

a second roof part mounted pivotably on the vehicle and disposed in front of the first roof part relative to a direction of travel in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is mounted in a movable manner on the second roof part; and

a third roof part disposed in front of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top, wherein the first roof part is disposed above the second roof part in an open state of the folding top.

Claim 43 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the third roof part is disposed above the second roof part and the first roof part is disposed above the third roof part when the folding top is in an open position.

Claim 44 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the rear element is pivotable to an open position in a direction counter to the direction of travel.

Claim 45 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the first roof part is raised up from the rear element in a first stage of a folding-top opening movement.

Claim 46 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the first roof part rests on the rear element with sealing action from above in the closed state of the folding top.

Claim 47 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the third roof part is capable of being pivoted essentially parallel over the second roof part.

Claim 48 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the third roof part is releasably securable on a windshield frame of the vehicle in the closed state of the folding top.

Claim 49 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, further comprising a coupling link fixed to the second roof part, a first roof-part link, and a second roof-part link, wherein the first roof part is articulated, by means of the first roof-part link and the second roof-part link, on the coupling link (2a), and wherein the first roof part, the first roof-part link, the second roof-part link, and the coupling link form a roof-part four-bar mechanism.

Claim 50 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 49, further comprising a drive device configured to pivot the roof-part four-bar mechanism relative to the second roof part for driving action.

Claim 51 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 49, further comprising a first front link and a second front link, wherein the third roof part is connected in an articulated manner to the coupling link via the first front link and the second front link, a front four-bar mechanism being formed by the coupling link, the first front link, the second front link, and the third roof part.

Claim 52 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 51, further comprising a control link connecting the front four-bar mechanism and the roof-part four-bar mechanism to one another in an articulated manner so that a first positively controlled link chain is formed by the front four-bar mechanism, the roof-part four-bar mechanism and the control link.

Claim 53 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 52, wherein the first positively controlled

link chain is configured to force the first roof part and the third roof part to move in opposite directions relative to each other.

Claim 54 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, further comprising a main-bearing unit mounted to a bodywork of the vehicle, a first main link and a second main link, each connected in an articulated manner to the main-bearing unit, and wherein the second roof part is connected to the first main link and the second main link in an articulated manner so as to form a main-link mechanism, the main-link mechanism forming a second positively controlled link chain.

Claim 55 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 54, further comprising a force-introduction unit, wherein the main-link mechanism is pivotable for driving action using the force-introduction unit.

Claim 56 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the first roof part includes a solid rear window.

Claim 57 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, wherein the first roof part capable of being pivoted up in the direction of travel about an axis of rotation defined in a rear end region of the second roof part.

Claim 58 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 57, further comprising a drivable base link mounted in a movable manner on the second roof part.

Claim 59 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 58, further comprising a first roof-part link and a second roof-part link and wherein the base link, the first roof part, the first roof-part link and the second roof-part link form a roof-part four-bar mechanism with the base link forming a base of the roof-part four-bar mechanism and the first roof part forming the connecting rod of the roof-part four-bar mechanism.

Claim 60 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 59, further comprising a main link and a control link connecting one of the first and second roof-part links in an articulated manner to the

main link.

Claim 61 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 57, further comprising a sliding guide and wherein the third roof part is mounted on the second roof part using the sliding guide.

Claim 62 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, further comprising a positive control means including a mechanical control device, the first roof part and the third roof part capable of being moved relative to one another using the positive control means, and wherein the control device is capable of delaying a movement of the third roof part and of the first roof part relative to one another.

Claim 63 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 62, further comprising a common force-introduction unit configured to drivably move the first roof part and the third roof part via the positive control means.

Claim 64 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 63, wherein the control device includes comprises a rotary link.

Claim 65 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 64, wherein in that the rotary link is driveable using the force-introduction unit.

Claim 66 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 65, further comprising a first linkage connecting the rotary link to the third roof part and a second linkage connecting the rotary link to the first roof part.

Claim 67 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 62, further comprising a front four-bar mechanism connecting the third roof part to the second roof part and a rear four-bar mechanism connecting the first roof part the second roof part.

Claim 68 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 67, further comprising a main-link mechanism connecting the second roof part to a bodywork of the vehicle.

Claim 69 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 67, wherein the front four-bar mechanism includes an outside link aligned adjacent an outside of the second roof part in the closed state of the folding top.

Claim 70 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 69, further comprising a small four-bar mechanism connecting the outside link to the second roof part.

Claim 71 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 62, wherein the control device includes a rotatable control plate.

Claim 72 (new): The folding top as recited in claim 37, further comprising a positively controlled link chain for mounting the second roof part in a pivotable manner on the vehicle in the closed state of the folding top.